

NORTHLAND COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

3150.2P CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING – INTERNAL COLLEGE ASSESSMENTS

The procedure defines the requirements for evaluating and granting credit to a student admitted to Northland Community and Technical College for successful college-level learning gained through internal college assessments.

Methods of assessing credit for prior learning – internal college assessments include:

DIRECT TRANSFER OF COURSES (Northland Policy 3120 and Procedure 3120P)

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING - INTERNAL ASSESSMENT TEST OUT—COURSE-SPECIFIC EXAMINATIONS

An admitted student may petition to challenge any college level course at Northland. A challenge may be granted with the approval of the instructor and academic dean. The process may be initiated by the student obtaining a Credit by Examination form from the Student Services office to secure approval for such an examination. Test out options may not be available for all courses. A fee based on the lecture/lab content of the course will be assessed for the examination. The instructor will be paid for construction and administration of the examination according to the collective bargaining agreement.

Credit awarded for prior learning through internal college/university assessments must be designated as a course within the term awarded on the official student transcript. The source of the credit award must be designated as Credit for Prior Learning in the student information system but must not be displayed on the official student transcript.

Credit by Examination (Test-out credits) will not be counted in the student's GPA, nor will they factor in the determination of financial aid, but they will be listed on the transcript. There will be no limit on the number of courses of which a student may test-out. Credits awarded through test out apply toward residency requirements at Northland. Credits earned through test out may not transfer to other institutions.

A student may not test-out of a course that appears on the student's record. A student may not repeat a test out (credit by exam).

CREDIT FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Students may earn academic credit in certain college courses applicable to their program of study if they have gained skills and knowledge from previous education, job training, self-study, or occupational experiences. In some programs, students may be permitted to start at a more advanced level if they can demonstrate college-level competency similar in nature and quality to the competency they would acquire in courses offered by the College.

Academic credit may be given for credit by examination, proficiency demonstration, and/or college-level experiential learning as documented by portfolio assessment. Students may be charged applicable fees.

TECH PREP ARTICULATION

Northland will recognize official agreements with specific high schools for specific course work providing they meet the criteria and conditions of Northland's "Program Articulation Agreement for Advanced Standing."

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